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CHICAGO OUTLET

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(11:30-12:30)
TIME(JULY 19, 1940)
DATE(FRIDAY)
DAY

PRODUCTION

ANNOUNCER

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REMARKS

1. ANNOUNCER: "Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers".

2. MUSIC: RANGER SONG

3. ANNOUNCER: Not so many years ago the magnificent scenery and rich
4. recreational opportunities of our vast American forests
5. and parks were known and enjoyed by only a relatively few people.
6. But improved roads and automobiles have made our forests accessible
7. to the people in a way previously undreamed of. And today, the
8. caravan of travelers seeking healthful rest, recreation and
9. inspiration in the woodlands numbers millions every year. Forest
10. recreation is now recognized as one of the major constituents of the
11. whole forest resource. To meet the tremendously increased national
12. needs and demands for forest recreation the U. S. Forest Service has
13. built and maintains thousands of public recreational developments,
14. and the work of providing more picnic and campground accommodations
15. in the National Forests is constantly going forward. And in
16. developing recreational opportunities in the National Forests it is
17. the outstanding objective of the Forest Service to make health-giving
18. forest recreation available and possible not just for a wealthy few
19. but for all our people. And now to the Pine Cone National Forest to
20. look in our old friend Ranger Jim Robbins. Jim's assistant ranger,
21. Jerry Quick, has been offered a mighty attractive job, you know -- a
22. chance to be resident manager of the new Double Arrow Dude Ranch, and
23. for the past several days he's had a mighty hard time trying to
24. decide whether to take the offer. But today -- well -- today is
25. another day and as we look in now we find Jerry up bright and early
at his desk in the office of the ranger station.
SOUND: OF SLIGHT SCRAPING OF CHAIR ON FLOOR AND RATTLE OF PAPERS

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1. JERRY: (FADING IN HUMMING AND SINGING TO SELF) "It's a hap-hap-
2. happy day," etc ... FADE DOWN.
3. BESS: (CALLING OFF) Jim, did you give Jerry a call?
4. SOUND: OF STEPS COMING DOWN STAIRS OFF
5. JIM: (OFF) Well, I poked my head in his door, Bess, but he
6. wasn't there.
7. BESS: (OFF) Wasn't there?
8. JIM: (SLIGHTLY UP) No. He musta got up early for some reason
9. or cther and gone off somewhere. Breakfast ready?
10. BESS: (COMING UP) Not quite, Jim ... That's funny about Jerry,
11. Jim ... As hard as he is to wake up in the mornings most of
12. the time.
13. JIM: (COMING UP) Yeah. I don't know what he might be up to.
14. SOUND: OF DOOR OPENING
15. JERRY: (SINGING UP AGAIN)
16. JIM: Hey, what's going on here?
17. JERRY: (BRIGHTLY) Hi Jim. This is one morning I beat you and
18. Mrs. Robbins both up, huh?
19. JIM: By George, Jerry. What's happened here any way? Fall outa
20. bed?
21. JERRY: Oh no. Today's the day, Jim. I couldn't sleep in on a day
22. like today.
23. JIM: Day ... what d'yuh mean today's the day? It's the 19th
24. of July, but ... What're you up to, anyhow?
25.

1. JERRY: (LAUGHS) I'm just cleanin' out my desk here an' tryin' to
2. sort out things I wanta take along. You know Jim. Today's
3. the day I've got to let the Double Arrow people know about
4. taking that manager's job. And ... well ... downonit, Jim.
5. I've decided to take it.

6. JIM: Huh?

7. JERRY: I've decided to take it, Jim.

8. JIM: But I thought Mary ...

9. JERRY: Aw Mary thinks it's okay. She understands now that I'll
10. have to wrangle a lot of good lookin' girls and folks
11. around up there, Jim. We've talked it all over and
12. decided it's the only thing to do. The new job'll pay a
13. lot more money and we can get married pretty soon and
14. everything's gonna be just swell.

15. JIM: Well, so you're gonna be a dude wrangler, eh? I guess
16. you'll be pullin' out right soon now.

17. JERRY: Yeah. I kinda hate to leave the Forest Service, but a
18. chance like this doesn't come every day ... and it's not
19. like Mary and me were gonna go a long ways away. We'll
20. still be close by here, where we can see you and Mrs.
21. Robbins.

22. BESS: (COMING ON) For heaven's sake what's going on in here at
23. this hour of the morning, Jerry?
24.
25.

1. JERRY: (LAUGHING) I thought I'd surprise you, getting up without
 2. being called, Mrs. Robbins. But it's like I told Jim
 3. here ... today's the big day.

4. JIM: Jerry's decided to take that job up at the resort, Bess.
 5. He's been up here bright an' early cleanin' out his desk
 6. and

7. BESS: Jerry!

8. JERRY: That's right, Mrs. Robbins. I've finally made up my mind,
 9. with Mary's help. We've decided to take the job and then
 10. we'll get married as soon as we can.

11. BESS: Oh, I'm awfully glad you've made up your mind Jerry, and
 12. glad for you and Mary. I think it'll be grand.

13. JERRY: Boy, oh boy, it'll be swell.

14. JIM: (CHUCKLES) Looks like Jerry'll be himself again now that
 15. he's made up his mind. Last few days while he's been
 16. tryin' to decide he's been mopin' around here like a sick
 17. cat.

18. BESS: But Jerry, you're not going to leave right now are you ...
 19. not without breakfast I mean ... I've got breakfast ...

20. JERRY: (LAUGHS) Oh no, Mrs. Robbins, I'm not in such a rush to get
 21. away from here as all that. It's just that I've got a lot
 22. of things to clean up around here and I wanted to get some
 23. of 'em done.
 24.
 25.

1. JIM: By the way, I had a call from the Supervisor, Bert
 2. Ellsworth, last evening after you went over to talk to
 3. Mary. He's comin' up here today, so maybe you might want to
 4. stick around and see him before you leave.

5. JERRY: Yeah, I sure do. I'd like to tell him good-bye and thank
 6. him for everything. Is he coming up this morning?

7. JIM: He said he'd be up early.

8. JERRY: Swell. I'll stick around so as to be sure and see him.

9. JIM: Uh huh. (FADING) I think that's a good idea.

10. MUSIC UP AND OUT

11. JERRY: Well Jim, I've got everything about all cleaned up here and
 12. it's ten o'clock already. I hope Bert Ellsworth gets here
 13. pretty soon.

14. JIM: There's a car coming up the road there that looks like his
 15. now, Jerry.

16. JERRY: Yep. That's him all right. But I won't have much time to
 17. talk to him now. I figured on bein' up at the ranch by
 18. eleven.

19. JIM: Uh huh. The way that dust is hangin' there in the air it's
 20. sure gonna be a hot one today.

21. JERRY: (LAUGHS) That'll sure be one advantage to this new job.
 22. I won't have to sit on the telephone waitin' around for fire
 23. calls any more.

24. SOUND OF MOTOR COMING UP, PULLING TO STOP AND SLAMMING OF CAR DOOR
 25.

1. JIM: No, but believe me after all this good trainin' I've given
2. you I'm sure gonna count on your resort hands for one of
3. my emergency crews.

4. JERRY: (LAUGHS) You can count on me for all the help I can give,
5. Jim.

6. SOUND OF FOOTSTEPS MOUNTING STEPS, DOOR OPENS

7. BERT: (OFF) Hi there, anybody home?

8. JIM: Howdy Bert. You finally made it I see.

9. BERT: Yep. I didn't get away as early as I figured on, Jim.

10. JERRY: Good morning, Mr. Ellsworth.

11. BERT: Hello there, Jerry. I hear you've been thinkin' about
12. leavin' us ... goin' into the dude ranching business.

13. JERRY: (LAUGHS) You heard right all right. But I'm not thinkin'
14. any more. I've made up my mind to take the job. I just
15. sort of waited around here this morning to tell you
16. good-bye.

17. BERT: Well, it's all settled, huh? That's gonna leave you in kind
18. of a hole here in the middle of the fire season, isn't it,
19. Jim?

20. JIM: Well, I'll sure hate to lose Jerry, Bert. But if he wants
21. to take this new job I reckon we can get along some how or
22. other ... at least 'til you can dig me up another
23. assistant ranger.
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1. BERT: Yep, it's like Jim says, Jerry ... if you figure you can
2. better yourself we're sure not gonna stand in your way
3. There's some mighty fine folks in the dude ranching game
4. and I hope you have all the success in the world.

5. JERRY: Gee, thanks a lot, Mr. Ellsworth.

6. JIM: Bert, you haven't told me yet what you came up here to tell
7. me about this morning. You seemed kinda vague about it
8. over the phone last night so I figured it must be somethin'
9. pretty important.

10. BERT: (CHUCKLES) Well, we've got a plan that's a humdinger, Jim.
11. Jerry, you'll be interested in this too, even if you are
12. leaving the Service ... Here, lemme get this stuff out of
13. the brief case here and I'll ... (SOUND OF PAPERS BEING
14. RATTLED AND CHAIRS SCRAPPED ON FLOOR) There. Now I'll
15. explain what it's all about, Jim ... We were just talking
16. about dude ranching so I guess we might say in a way this
17. is a kind of dude ranchin' for Forest Service is trying to
18. do all over the country ... except the people concerned
19. here aren't gonna be dudes and we're not exactly running a
20. ranch. You see, this is a plan for an organization camp.
21. We've been buildin' a lot of picnic grounds and campgrounds
22. for recreational use around in the national forests, but
23. this is something different.

24. JIM: U-m-m.

25. JERRY: Tell us about it.

BERT:

Well, you know there's a lot of folks and especially kids that need to get out here in the national forests for a vacation, but they just can't get here. They're just the kind of kids and people that need to get out here most, people in the crowded sections of big cities and so on ... and they've got just as much of an interest in the national forests as the people who actually come out but dawgonit they just haven't got the money or the wherewithall to come on their own. Well, Willow Glen right down the line here ... that's our nearest large population center ... Willow Glen has its quota of people and kids like that too. Jim, you'd be surprised at the number of kids livin' down in Willow Glen, right up against the national forest here so to speak, that've never had a forest outing in the mountains in their life ... kids ten and fifteen years old and grownups too. One of the service clubs down there has been makin' an investigation and they've found out.

JIM:

Well, where do we figure into the picture here, Bert? Let's get down to brass tacks and hear some more about this organization camp.

JERRY:

Yeah, we know there's plenty of people that need to get out here in the forest that aren't gettin' out

1. BERT: I know this is a pet topic of mine ... gettin' more of
 2. these people that need it out in the forests. Now after
 3. this Community Service Club made up of business men down
 4. there in Willow Glen made their survey we got out heads
 5. together and decided we could give some of those poor
 6. kids a chance to get out here in the forest. They got
 7. enough money donated to send about fifty kids on a two
 8. weeks outing. Then the question came up about where to
 9. send 'em and how to take care of 'em. They wanted to know
 10. if we didn't have some place here in the forest where they
 11. could camp these kids. I knew the Forest Service had
 12. been able to get some organization camp buildings
 13. constructed for the use of 4-H Groups, and Boy Scouts and
 14. Girl Scouts, and Campfire Girls and others in some
 15. Forests, so I wrote the regional office about the need for
 16. some here, and dawgone, Jim, they said okay. And they
 17. want to decide on a site and get the plans drawn up and
 18. go to work on it right away. (FADING) Now the best place
 19. I can think of to put the camp would be

20. SHORT PAUSE:

21. JERRY: (FADING IN) Boy, I can just see those kids comin' up here
 22. for a couple weeks campin' trip right now. They'll have the
 23. time of their life. Jim, you remember how those CCC boys
 24. from New York went wild when they landed up here ... took
 25. off their shirts and started puffin' out their chests.....

1. JIM: (CHUCKLES) Uh huh ... Say, wait a minute ... Didn't you
2. say you wanted to be up there at the resort by eleven
3. o'clock, Jerry? It's after eleven now.

4. BERT: Goodnight, if it's that late I've got to be pulling out too.
5. I told Stan Wilkinson I'd be over there at the Coyote
6. Station by noon ... I'll tell you what, Jim, I'm gonna leave
7. this stuff here for you to go over again and think it over,
8. and I'll stop by and we'll talk it over some more when I
9. come by here on the way into town tonight.

10. JIM: Okay, Bert.

11. BERT: Where's my hat?

12. JERRY: Here it is, Mr. Ellsworth, right over here in this chair.

13. BERT: Oh yeah, thanks Well, so long and good luck on that
14. new job, Boy. I reckon with you bein' so close we won't
15. exactly lose track of you.

16. JERRY: No sir, I'll sure wanta keep in touch with you fellas.

17. BERT: (GOING OFF) So long Jim. I'll plan on seein' you again
18. tonight.

19. JIM: So long Bert.

20. SOUND OF DOOR: CAR STARTING AND GETTING UNDER WAY....HOLD TO FADE

21. JERRY: I sure like Bert Ellsworth, Jim. He's sure a swell guy.

22. JIM: Uh huh. Bert and I've been workin' together for almost
23. twenty years now and I respect him more all the time.
24. He's a mighty fine man.
25.

JERRY: Jim ... maybe this is a little bit personal ... but why is it you never got to be a forest supervisor instead of a ranger? You're as good a forester as any of 'em.

JIM: I reckon I know my limitations, Jerry. I've had the chance to go on an assistant supervisor job and work up to supervisor two or three times, and one time they almost roped me in. But I always figured I'd rather stay here on the ranger job, Jerry. A ranger's closer to the people and that's where I calculated I could do the most good.

JERRY: Uh ... But didn't you think about the money end of it, Jim? A ranger's salary isn't any too big, you know.

JIM: Oh yes, I've thought about that all right. But some how or other it didn't seem to matter so much. What I've missed in money I've made up in ... in fun.

JERRY: (MUSING) Fun. H-m-m. I don't think that quite describes it, Jim. But maybe it does....Uh....Do you think a fella can have the same kind of fun in any other kind of business?

JIM: Sure he can, Jerry. It's all in knowing what you want to do. Then doin' it the best way you know how.

JERRY: You know Jim, I ... I got to thinkin' today while Bert was talking about that organization camp and about those kids and people that never get out in the forest ... some how or other I kept thinkin' about that Forest Service motto ... "for the greatest good of the greatest number of people" ... and lookin' at you an' Bert there all excited about helping those kids, I got to thinkin' about this work here and

1. JIM: Yes?

2. JERRY: Well ... do you think ... Jim, do you think it's too late

3. to change my mind?

4. JIM: It's never too late to change your mind about anything,

5. Jerry ... if you think your new decision's gonna be the

6. right one.

7. JERRY: Uh ... Well, I've got to go up to the Double Arrow and let

8. 'em know what I'm gonna do, but ... well ... well, you

9. know the answer, Jim. As long as you'll put up with me I

10. wanta stay on here with the Forest Service. There's just

11. nothin' else I'd rather do.

12. JIM: Uh huh ... (CHUCKLES)(FADING) I sorta figured that'd be

13. your final answer all the time.

14. MUSIC FINALE:

15. ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers comes to you on the National

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18. United States Forest Service.

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